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Residency Requirements for Voting

The U.S. Supreme Court decision of March 21, 1972, declared lengthy requirements for voting in state and local elections unconstitutional and suggested that 30 days was an ample period (Dunn v. Blumstein – 405 U.S. 330). **As a consequence of the U.S. Supreme Court decision, states have changed or eliminated their durational residency requirements to comply with the ruling, as shown.**

For all states, in order to register to vote, an applicant must be a U.S. citizen, a legal resident of the state, and 18 years old on or before Election Day. Additionally, most states do not permit an individual to vote if he or she is a convicted felon currently serving time in prison or has been declared mentally incompetent by a court of law.

State	Residency requirement
Alabama	No durational residency requirement.
Alaska	No durational residency requirement.
Arizona	No durational residency requirement.
Arkansas	30-day residency requirement.
California	No durational residency requirement.
Colorado	30-day residency requirement.
Connecticut	No durational residency requirement.
Delaware	No durational residency requirement.
District of Columbia	No durational residency requirement.
Florida	No durational residency requirement.
Georgia	No durational residency requirement.
Hawaii	No durational residency requirement.
Idaho	30-day residency requirement.
Illinois	30-day residency requirement.
Indiana	30-day residency requirement.
Iowa	No durational residency requirement.
Kansas	No durational residency requirement.

Kentucky	28-day residency requirement.
Louisiana	No durational residency requirement.
Maine	No durational residency requirement.
Maryland	No durational residency requirement.
Massachusetts	No durational residency requirement.
Michigan	30-day residency requirement.
Minnesota	20-day residency requirement.
Mississippi	30-day residency requirement.
Missouri	No durational residency requirement.
Montana	30-day residency requirement.
Nebraska	No durational residency requirement.
Nevada	30-day residency requirement.
New Hampshire	No durational residency requirement.
New Jersey	30-day residency requirement.
New Mexico	No durational residency requirement.
New York	30-day residency requirement.
North Carolina	30-day residency requirement.
North Dakota	30-day residency requirement.
Ohio	30-day residency requirement.
Oklahoma	No durational residency requirement.
Oregon	No durational residency requirement.
Pennsylvania	30-day residency requirement.
Rhode Island	No durational residency requirement.
South Carolina	No durational residency requirement.
South Dakota	No durational residency requirement.
Tennessee	No durational residency requirement.
Texas	No durational residency requirement.
Utah	30-day residency requirement.
Vermont	No durational residency requirement.
Virginia	No durational residency requirement.

Washington	30-day residency requirement.
West Virginia	No durational residency requirement.
Wisconsin	28-day residency requirement.
Wyoming	No durational residency requirement.

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